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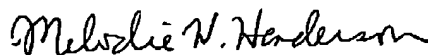
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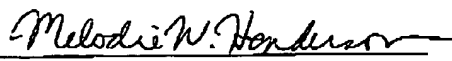
This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 in the above-referenced application, for which a response is due May 18, 2006.

Claims 1-22 are pending, and relate to a method for detecting activity of RNA-dependent polymerases, which is useful in evaluating inhibitors of these polymerases. The Office Action requires election, for initial examination purposes, of a single RNA dependent polymerase species and a single hybridized polynucleotide species that is generated in the method. Applicants elect, without traverse, the following species: the RNA-dependent RNA polymerase from Hepatitis C virus and the hybridized polynucleotide comprising synthetic poly(G) and poly(C). Claims 1-3, 7-14, and 18-22 read on the elected species.

The undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to contact her at the phone number set forth below for assistance in addressing issues that can advance prosecution of this application.

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